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In re Appln. of: Kanada et al.

Appln. No.: 09/851,776

Filed: May 9, 2001

For: Thin Film Magnetic Head Having Magnetic
Gap Formed of NiP

Attorney Docket No: 9281-3989

Examiner: William T. Leader

Art Unit: 1742

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☐ Previously submitted:

☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____

☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

☐ Other: _____

☒ Attached is/are:

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement

☐ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings

☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

☒ Other: Preliminary Amendment and Response to Advisory Action of April 13, 2004

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.

☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

☒ A Request fee of \$770.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).

☐ A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

☐ An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).

☒ An extension fee of \$950.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a three (3)-month extension of time.

☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

☒ Checks in the amounts of \$770.00 and \$950.00 are enclosed.

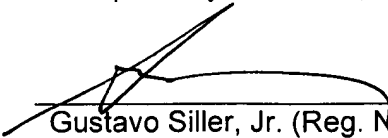
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☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AND

RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2004

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Dear Sir:

This is in Reply to the Advisory Action, mailed on April 13, 2004 in the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration,

reexamination and allowance of claims 3 - 4 in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.